

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Holder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Devotional: Mayor Holder offered the opening prayer and invited everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Holder presided. Council Members: Don Bethune, Bruce Campbell, Rosetta Cody, Marcia Daniel and Kim Tice.

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Blake Hodge, Fire Chief and Ron Alexander, Planning, Zoning & Building Director. *Absent:* Pam Franklin, HR Director; Benny Googe, Public Works Director and Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director.

Mayor Holder said City Council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the pre-agenda session.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Holder opened the floor to receive public comment from the audience.

Ms. Elaine Morgan, 316 Talmadge Avenue, expressed her concerns about the vacant house next to her on Talmadge Avenue. She said the house is in bad shape and the lot is overgrown. She asked City Council to look into having something done about the property.

City Manager said that the Planning, Zoning & Building Director and Code Enforcement have been looking into it. He said the property owner has been subpoenaed and is scheduled to appear before the Judge on November 4, 2015.

There being no further questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Holder closed the informal comment portion of the meeting.

Board & Committee Reports: Planning, Zoning & Building Director presented the minutes from the October 13 Planning Commission/Board of Appeals meeting.

Public Hearing:

PC1517 Rezoning Request: Mayor Holder opened the public hearing to receive public comment on a request by Greg Helmly representing Port City Equipment & Rental Co. and Cub Enterprises LLC, to rezone 154 Dean Forest Road and 156 Dean Forest Road from RA to C1 & I-1.

Mr. Greg Helmly, Tybee Island, said the request is to rezone the adjoining properties. He said we would like to continue the C-1 zoning strip down Dean Forest Road and rezone the back half of the property to I-1. He said we have one residential neighbor on the north side of the property. He said we are willing to do what needs to be done to buffer Ms. Fields' property.

Councilmember Bethune said I see that you have moved all the structures off the property in hopes of the rezoning. He said there was some opposition before to rezoning the property and you are also asking for I-1. He said there are a lot of things that could go in I-1 that may not fit the area. He said if the property is rezoned it would bring I-1 zoning closer to Ms. Fields. He said when the rezoning for another property on Old Louisville Road was approved, we had issues with the property owner not wanting to adhere to all the buffer requirements that were specified to protect the neighboring residential property.

Ms. Peggy Sue Fields, 152 Dean Forest Road, said I have lived there many years and I am not for the rezoning. She said whatever the outcome is I would ask that you all protect my property. She said that is my home and I do not want to move. She said if this is rezoned the other property owner will be back for rezoning and I will be boxed in.

Mr. Helmly said I know Ms. Fields has concerns, but he said I would be willing to rezone the whole lot of 154 Dean Forest as C-1 for a buffer.

Councilmember Bethune said that would require you to amend your rezoning application.

City Attorney said if he is going less heavy use he would have to amend his request.

Councilmember Bethune said if it is denied he would have to wait six months and reapply again.

Planning, Zoning & Building Director said we have to be careful not to rezone to C-1, because that would shrink the buffer requirements. He said we would have to work out the details on how much would be dedicated buffer.

Mayor Holder said we will discuss this further at the October 26 workshop. He said it is scheduled for vote at the next council meeting on November 2.

There being no further questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes dated 10/5/15.

Staff Reports:

Information Technology Director presented the Information Technology Department's monthly report.

City Manager presented the Water Operations Department's monthly report.

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's monthly report.

Councilmember Bethune said I had a family member that recently needed the services of the Police Department. He said we are very appreciative for what the police officers did.

Councilmember Bethune said with all these things going on with people purchasing on Craig's list I would like to ask the Chief to put information on the City's website on how to be safe when making these types of transactions.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's monthly report.

Councilmember Bethune said I know the Fire Department has been working on painting the hydrants, but the one on Nelson and Camellia is looking bad. He asked the Fire Chief to look at it and see if it could be moved up on the list since it is looking so bad.

City Manager Updates: City Manager said I have no updates.

Councilmember Bethune said the City Manager has been seen out and about in the neighborhoods and I appreciate the City Manager getting out checking on things.

Items for Consideration:

Resolution, LMIG Contractor Bid Award: Mayor Holder read a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the low bidder Reeves Construction at the bid amount of \$224,939.00, for performance of such pavement repair/reconstruction work constituting the Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Projects encompassing both FY2015 and FY2016 budget allocations for said contract work.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Chatham Parkway Traffic Signal Installation Contractor Bid Award: Mayor Holder read a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the low bidder Moyer Electric Company at the amount of \$159,259.00, for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Telfair Place and Chatham Parkway, together with the placement of the necessary pavement markings and roadway signage associated with such installation.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Sale/Purchase Contract for William Ruiz Property: Mayor Holder read a resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute the sales/purchase contract on behalf of the City to acquire the 0.8 acre landlocked parcel owned by William Ruiz for the total purchase price of \$5,000.00.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Councilmember Tice said the Housing Team will be working on six houses in the Rossignol Hill area this Saturday. She said we need all the volunteers we can get. She said if anyone is interested in volunteering we will be meeting across from the Cooper Center at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Adjournment: Mayor Holder said there being no further items, Mayor Pro-tem Campbell made a motion seconded by Councilmember Bethune to adjourn the meeting. City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

*Transcribed by Clerk of Council
Approve by City Council 11/2/15*